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FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the second largest producer of foodgrains in the World;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether India`s share is the least in the world trade in relation to foodgrains;

(d) if so, the extent of India`s share in this regard; and

(e) the reasons attributed to India`s minimal share?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per FAO Production Year Book 2000, India ranks second after China in foodgrains production in the World during the year 2000. The foodgrains production in China, India and the World during the year 2000 was 412, 253 and 2104 million tonnes respectively.

(c) to (e): As per FAO Trade Year Book 1999, India`s percentage share in world trade in respect of cereals and pulses during the year 1999 are given in the table below:

Item	Cereals		Pulses	
	Import	Export	Import	Export
% Share in world	Negligible	0.1%	8.8%	1.6%

While India is a net exporter of cereals it is a net importer of pulses. The share of a country in world trade depends on a number of factors like domestic demand and supply position, domestic prices, international demand and supply position, international prices, etc..